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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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This paper is filed responsive to the communication of February 2, 2004. The communication of February 2, 2004 repeats a communication received in the mail by the Applicant's attorney dated January 30, 2004 in which changes to the manner of indicating the status of certain claims was requested. Applicant's attorney has filed a Second Amendment and Response to Office Communication, sent by facsimile on February 4, 2004 which made the changes requested in both documents. Thus it is believed the response filed February 4, 2004 should be responsive to both communications. A copy of the February 4, 2004 response is attached.

Any questions or comments should be directed to the Applicant's attorney listed below.

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## SECOND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Please amend the application as follows.

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